

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows.

--This invention provides an image forming apparatus where the useful life of the image carrier does not become significantly short. This system has a charging unit, a charge voltage loading unit, an exposure unit, a development unit, an image transfer unit and a control unit, wherein, when the transport interval of the plural recording materials is shorter than a predetermined time the AC charge voltage applied to the image carrier during the transport interval ~~being~~ is a first AC charge voltage, and when the transport interval is longer than the predetermined time the ~~ac~~ AC charge voltage applied to the image carrier during the transport interval being a second AC charge voltage, the control unit makes the current running in the charging unit ~~to which~~ when the second AC charge voltage is applied lower than the current running in the charging unit ~~to which~~ when the first AC charge voltage is applied.--